

# Read with Me

Children's Literacy Project

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#### Who?

District Government employees.

#### What?

Volunteers are needed to help school-age children up to eight learn to read.

#### Why?

- There is a correlation between the ability to read at grade level by third grade with future school and life success.
- You can make a big difference in the life of a child by spending as little as three hours per month as a literacy mentor.

#### How?

Register online at <a href="https://www.serve.dc.gov">www.serve.dc.gov</a> click on "The Early Chapters" to learn more or sign up.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.serve.dc.gov">www.serve.dc.gov</a> or contact:

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## Volunteers Needed

Read with Me is a project of The Early Chapters that matches District government employees with early childhood literacy volunteer programs in the District.



Each program pairs an adult literacy mentor with a pre-school or early elementary school-age child to read and engage in literacy-based activities.

Program times and locations vary. Some programs involve face-to-face meetings weekly and others are conducted through the Internet. All of the programs provide opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child by fostering a love of reading and augmenting literacy skills.

#### Did you know:

- 69% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the District are reading below proficiency level.
- Approximately 37% of adults in DC are functionally illiterate.

Make a difference by registering as a volunteer today!

Register on line at: <a href="https://www.serve.dc.gov">www.serve.dc.gov</a> or call 202-727-7925.

Volunteer Registration has been extended to October 15, 2004



When you read with children today, You empower them for tomorrow!